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1. REQUEST FOR L/O ON LANGUAGE LAB EQUIPMENT RAISES
PROBLEM OF AVAILABILITY OF FUTURE MAP TRAINING FUNDS.
AS EMBASSY AWARE, APPROPRIATION OF MAP FUNDS EXPERIENCING
INCREASING OPPOSITION IN CONGRESS AND EVEN THOSE PROGRAMS
THAT WE CONSIDER MOST IMPORTANT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO DEFEND
IN FUTURE. AS YET, FY 75 FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE
LEGISLATION STILL PENDING.

2. WE RECOGNIZE MALI'S NEED FOR TRAINING AND WE DESIRE
TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE. CONTINUATION OF MAP
FUNDING AT PRESENT LEVEL, HOWEVER, DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY
TO CONGRESS, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW PAST HISTORY OF MALI
TRAINING PROGRAM (AVERAGE SINCE 1970 LITTLE MORE THAN 2
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SPACES A YEAR). BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY OF MALI

PERFORMANCE, BELIEVE IT MORE APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE PROPOSED MALI TRAINING UNDER REGIONAL MAP FUND FOR FY 76, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE TRAINING IN U.S. FOR ONE OR TWO MALIANS PER YEAR.

3. SUGGEST YOU MAY WANT TO DISCUSS UNCERTAINTY OF FUTURE MAP TRAINING FUNDS WITH DOUKARA BEFORE HE INVESTS IN 30

POSITION LANGUAGE LAB EQUIPMENT. BELIEVE IT MAY BE TO OUR ADVANTAGE IN LONG RUN TO LEVEL WITH HIM NOW RATHER THAN RAISE EXPECTATIONS OF INCREASED VOLUME MAP TRAINING AS RESULT OF PURCHASE OF LANGUAGE LAB EQUIPMENT. AS ALTERNATIVE, TRAINING COULD BE PROVIDED ON CASH SALES BASIS, WHICH WE DO FOR INCREASING NUMBER OF COUNTRIES. REQUEST EMBASSY VIEWS BEFORE INITIATING WORK ON LETTER OF OFFER FOR LANGUAGE LAB. KISSINGER

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